

Feb June or July 552

There are 2 reports of Totila's death:

- 1) He was struck and killed by an arrow at the very outset of the battle
- 2) He was killed during his flight by ASBAD, the leader of the Gepids under Narises.

What is clear is that the relations brought the mortally wounded king all the way to CAPRAE-CAPRAIA, where he died and was hastily buried.

Byzantine soldiers learned of the burial, opened the tomb, and made sure of the

identity of the dead man before they sealed the
grave again. According to tradition Narses is said
to have sent TOTILA's blood stained cloak to Constantinople

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(7 - 568) NARSES

A general and statesman of the Byzantine emperor Justinian. In 538 he was sent to Italy to act in concert with Belisarius against the Goths, but was recalled in 539. He was appointed to take the place of Belisarius on his ~~death~~ recall. He defeated the Goths at TAGINA in 552 and slew their king TOTILA. In 553 he took possession of Rome and

extinguished the Gothic power in Italy. In 553
he was appointed exarch of Italy with
his capital at Ravenna. His rule was
marked by great avoice. He died at
Ravenna the eve of the Lombard invasion
of Italy

The Comes TEJA was commander of Verona when Narises marched into Italy. At the last moment he had come to the aid of his king. After BUSTA GALLORUM TEJA hastened to the royal city TICINUM-PAVIA where he was declared king, took possession of the treasury, and made a pact with the Franks. His father was FRITIGEA (some a victim of Alouoph). There was murder of hostages, reprisals against innocent Romans, finally treason of Gothic naval commander.

Justinian made a great effort
in the West which was crowned
with unexpected success.

He gave the Italian Command
to his Chamberlain, the eunuch
NARSES, to whom he supplied
the troops he had persistently
withheld from Belisarius.

The long struggle had depleted

the Gothic Army. marching on Rome with
a somewhat superior force, Narses brought
Totila to a decisive engagement at TAGINHE.
Totila & his brother were slain and
the Gothic Army was all but annihilated.
The Ostrogothic power was no more
Narses was still called upon to deal with a
destructive Frankish incursion in
North Italy, where he completely wiped
out the whole invading force (554)

Oct 552

Battle of MONS LACTARIUS

The "MILK MOUNTAIN" south of Salerno River (closer to Salerno than to Naples)

The last battle of the Gothic war

After the death of TEJA (reigned less than 3 months) the Goths fought on until Narses guaranteed their return to their "fatherland" if they promised to become faithful subjects of the emperor. At this, the remainder of the Gothic army surrendered and submitted, except for

a band of 1000 warriors that INDULF freed
from the Roman prison movement and led
across Italy to Arva. After reaching there, these
Goths did not raise a new king.

Individual Gothic commanders kept up
for 3 years in the hope of a resurrection of their
gens

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Union of CELTIC tribes under
the name of CYMRU or COMRADES

C552-616

ETHELBERT

Became King of KENT in 560. He married BERTA, daughter of CHARIBERT, King of Paris. In 597, St. Augustine landed in Kent. He was well received by the king, and allowed to settle in Canterbury, Ethelbert's capital. The king was baptized, June 2, 597 and gradually most of the kingdom became Christian. He died at Canterbury in

Feb 24, 616.

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NARSES overthrew TOTILA. This
is end of Ostrogothic Kingdom.

June 552

The Italian Ostrogothic Kingdom

Narses enters Ravenna

End June / Begin July 552

Italian Ostrogothic Kingdom

Battle of Busta Gallorum .

Death of TOTILA

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The Italian & the Kingdom

TEJA

552 AD

C478-C573

at age 74, NARSES, a eunuch
destroyed the Ostrogoths and established
Byzantine rule over all of Italy,
making Ravenna his capital in
the mid-sixth century A.D. When
he was 90 years old, he was still (568)
governing Italy from Ravenna.

Lived till he was 95
Defeated TOTILA @ 552 and an Army

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$$\begin{array}{r} 478 \\ 90 \\ \hline 568 \end{array}$$

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of Franks.

554 defeated Alemanni.